

STATE OF MAINE

v.

RAY A. GALPIN

Submitted on Briefs November 29, 2023

Decided December 7, 2023

Panel: STANFILL, C.J., and MEAD, JABAR, HORTON, CONNORS, and  
LAWRENCE, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Ray A. Galpin appeals from a judgment of conviction of sexual abuse of a minor (Class C), 17-A M.R.S. § 254(1)(A-2) (2023), entered by the trial court (Aroostook County, *Nelson, J.*) after a bench trial. Galpin appeals the denial of a motion to suppress inculpatory statements made to law enforcement, arguing that his statements were not made voluntarily. Contrary to Galpin's contentions, the police did not engage in unconstitutionally coercive conduct while interviewing Galpin, and the court did not err in finding beyond a reasonable doubt that Galpin's statements were made voluntarily. *See* Me. Const. art. 1, §§ 6, 6-A; *State v. Athayde*, 2022 ME 41, ¶ 29, 277 A.3d 387; *State v. Bryant*, 2014 ME 94, ¶ 15, 97 A.3d 595; *State v. Dodge*, 2011 ME 47, ¶ 12, 17 A.3d 128; *State v. McCarthy*, 2003 ME 40, ¶ 12, 819 A.2d 335; *State v. Gosselin*, 594 A.2d 1102, 1105 (Me. 1991); *State v. Smith*, 415 A.2d 553, 558 (Me. 1980); *State v. Theriault*, 425 A.2d 986, 990 (Me. 1981).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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